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monitoring of the accural of benefits to Minorities under various educational, developmental and poverty alleviation prograrmmes.	flow of data on this aspect from various Central Ministries/ Deptts. and States/ UTs to effectively monitor flow of benefits to minorities.
4. State/UTs have been asked to start special physical training programmes for eligible minority candidates to enable them to compete on equal terms with others in respect of recruitment of Police personnel in State/ UTs.	4. Necessary instructions have already been issued to States/UTs in this regard.
5. Strengthening of State level Channelising Agencies of National level Development and Finance Corporation.	5. The matter is under considered of the Government.
6. The existing 15-Point Programme may be recast/updated quickly for effectively implementation.	6. The proposal is under consideration of the Govt. However, the emphasis in on the effective implementation and monitoring of existing programme for the time being.

Import of Jelly Filled Cables

2405. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the department of telecommunications imported underground jelly-filled cables in 1989 for use by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether survey of the imported goods revealed that about 70 percent of the cable drums were damaged;

(d) if so, the value of the damaged goods;

(e) whether a claim has since been filed with the insurance company in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 930.5 km of Cable in different sizes was ordered for MTNL, Mumbai out of which 477.589 km was diverted to MTNL, Delhi.

(c) No, Sir.

Out of total quantity 930.5 Kms, only quantity of 37.25 Km's was damaged i.e., about 4 percent.

(d), Rs. 6,38,24,578/-

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Claim has not been settled yet.

(g) M/s. Oriental Insurance Co. did not accept the liability against the loss.

(h) Since the claim was not accepted, the suit was filed by MTNL in High Court Mumbai vide High Court OOCJ Suit No. 3955 of 1990 and OOCJ Suit No. 3885 of 1990 against Shipping Corpn. of India and M/s. Oriental Insurance Co. to recover the cost of the damaged cables.

[Translation]

Vigilance Cases

2406. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officials involved in vigilance cases in the headquarters and Zonal officers of Food Corporation of India during each of the last two years and current year; and

(b) the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Statement - I showing number of vigilance cases against the officials of FCI Headquarters and its Zonal Offices during the last 2 years and the current year is attached.

(b) Details with regard to action taken against the officials found guilty are indicated in the attached Statement-II. Departmental enquiries against officials are initiated after allegations are prima facie established and disciplinary action is possible only after conclusion of the enquiries.

STATEMENT-I

Details of Vigilance cases against the Officials of FCI Headquarters and Zonal Offices during the last two years

	1994				1995				1996 (Up to March)			
	Opening Balance	Cases initiated	Cases Finalised	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Cases initiated	Cases Finalised	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Cases initiated	Cases Finalislisted	Closing Balance
Headqurters	33	14	24	23	23	18	21	20	20	15	7	28
North Zone	375	344	521	198	198	372	346	224	224	110	91	243
West Zone	132	119	146	105	105	105	144	66	66	29	47	48
East Zone	154	70	98	126	126	73	85	114	114	6	20	100
North East Zone	50	23	11	62	62	23	9	76	76	3	5	74
South Zone	29	45	43	31	31	50	42	39	39	28	14	53
Total	773	615	843	545	545	641	647	539	539	191	184	546

STATEMENT-II

Details of Penalty Imposed on the Guilty Offices/Officials during the last two years

	Nature of Penalty	Zone						
		Hqrs.	North	West	East	North East	South	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				1994				
i.	Dismissal/Removal/ Compulsorily retired.	-	6	1	1	-	-	8
ii	Reduction in rank	1	22	2	1	-	-	26
iii	Reduction in time scale of pay.	-	10	5	8	1	4	28
iv	With-holding of increment of pay/ recovery from pay.	6	233	60	15	1	16	331
v.	With-holding of promotion	-	16	--	-	1	1	18
vi	Censure	4	101	43	10	-	6	164
	Total	11	388	111	35	3	27	575
				1995				
				Zone				
i.	Dismissal/Removal/ Compulsorily retired.	2	14	3	-	-	-	19
ii	Reduction in rank	-	12	2	5	-	-	19
iii	Reduction in time scale of pay.	2	26	2	18	1	1	50

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
iv	With-holding of increment of pay/ recovery from pay.	-	160	71	16	-	5	252
v.	With-holding of promotion	-	16	7	-	-	-	23
vi.	Censure	7	32	35	9	-	8	91
	Total	11	260	120	48	1	14	454

1996 (Upto March)

Zone

i.	Dismissal/Removal/ Compulsorily retired.	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
ii	Reduction in rank	-	9	-	-	-	-	9
iii	Reduction in time scale of pay.	1	6	1	4	-	1	13
iv	With-holding of increment of pay/ recovery from pay.	-	50	7	4	2	-	63
v.	With-holding of promotion	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
vi	Censure	3	10	6	4	-	6	29
	Total	4	78	14	12	2	7	117

Construction Labourers

2407. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of building construction labourers in Delhi as on date;

(b) the details of welfare scheme prepared for the welfare of labourers engaged in building construction in Delhi and other big cities during the last three years and till date;

(c) the allocation of funds for these schemes, State-wise; and

(d) the number of labourers benefited by these schemes during the above period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As per 1981 Census, 28,762 persons amongst main workers were engaged in Delhi as bricklayers and other construction workers. Figures of 1991 Census on occuptional classification are still not available.

(b) The Central Government have promulgated two Ordinances, namely, (i) the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 1996 and (ii) the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Ordinance, 1996 on 20.6.96 which *interalia* seek to provide for regulating the employment and service conditions of construction workers and to establish a welfare fund.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 3 crore is proposed during the remaining part of the year 1996-97 for the purposes of carrying out the purposes of the two ordinances referred to above.

(d) The Central legislation is expected to benefit about 8.5 million building and other construction workers in the country.

Setting up of Sugar Mills in Cooperative Sector

2408. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the policy of the Government in regard to setting up of sugar mills in cooperative sector;

(b) the present pending position of applications for setting up of cooperative sugar units, State-wise; and

(c) the incentives being provided or proposed to be provided for encouraging the weaker section for setting up of sugar units in cooperative sector?